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FIFTH COMMITTEE
1st meeting
held on
Tuesday, 17 September 1991
at 5.35 p.m.
New York

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Temporary Chairman: Mr. SHIHABI (President of the General Assembly)

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The meeting was called to order at 5.35 p.m.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

1. Mr. MAYCOCK (Barbados) nominated Mr. Muntasser (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) for the office of Chairman.

2. In the absence of further nominations and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN said that he would take it, if he heard no objection, that the Committee wished to elect Mr. Muntasser (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) Chairman.

3. Mr. Muntasser (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) was elected Chairman by acclamation.

The meeting rose at 5.40 p.m.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE
2nd meeting
held on
Tuesday, 24 September 1991
at 3 p.m.
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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 2nd MEETING

Chairman: Mr. MUNTASSER (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: Mr. MSELLE

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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the list of 25 items allocated to the Fifth Committee, which appeared in document A/C.5/46/8, annexed to a letter from the President of the General Assembly. He invited members of the Committee to show a spirit of consensus so that together they would arrive at mutually satisfactory results during the session.

ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMEN AND THE RAPPORTEUR

2. The CHAIRMAN read out rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly which dealt with the election of officers.

3. Mrs. MUSTONEN (Finland) nominated Mr. Kees Spaans (Netherlands) for the post of Vice-Chairman.

4. MR. TURIANSKIY (Ukraine) nominated Mrs. Norma Goicochea (Cuba) for the post of Vice-Chairman.

5. The CHAIRMAN said that, as there were no other candidates for the two posts of Vice-Chairman, the Committee would no doubt find it unnecessary to proceed to a secret ballot.

6. It was so decided.

7. Mr. Spaans (Netherlands) and Mrs. Goicochea (Cuba) were elected Vice-Chairmen by acclamation.

8. Mr. NASSER (Egypt) nominated Mr. Mahmoud Barimani (Islamic Republic of Iran) for the post of Rapporteur.

9. The CHAIRMAN said that, as there were no other candidates, he would take it that the Committee did not find it necessary to proceed to a secret ballot.

10. It was so decided.

11. Mr. Barimani (Islamic Republic of Iran) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

12. Mr. MAYCOCK (Barbados), speaking as Chairman of the Committee at the previous session, in accordance with rule 110 of the rules of procedure, and on behalf of all the members of the Committee, congratulated the new officers on their election and assured them of unreserved support.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

13. Mr. FORAN (Acting Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management) assured the Committee of his cooperation and that of all his colleagues. As far as documentation was concerned, Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner, the Under-Secretary-General for Conference Services and Special Assignments, had indicated that the situation was somewhat encouraging. It was therefore to be hoped that consideration of agenda items would not be delayed on account of the unavailability of documents in all languages in time.

14. He also wished to emphasize to members of the Committee the critical financial situation in which the Organization found itself owing to the failure of many Member States to meet their financial obligations in full and on time. To date, only 10 Member States had paid their assessments in full, although, under regulation 5.4 of the Financial Rules and Regulations, contributions were payable in full within 30 days of receipt of a communication from the Secretary-General informing the State of the amount of the assessment. Unless that situation was redressed in the very near future, the Organization might soon find itself unable to meet its financial obligations.

15. Mr. CONMY (Ireland), after pointing out that his country had always endeavoured to pay its contribution in full and on time, said that he shared Mr. Foran's concern. He suggested that, in order to make members of the Committee more aware of the Organization's financial difficulties, the Secretariat should submit precise information to them at the following meeting.

16. Mr. FORAN (Acting Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management) thanked the representative of Ireland for his support and said that he would take the necessary steps to respond to his request.

The meeting rose at 3.55 p.m.